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SECRETARY OF AGRARIAN AFFAIRS

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1. ON JANUARY 1, 1975 THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN AFFAIRS AND COLONIZATION (DAAC) WAS UPGRADED TO BECOME THE SECRETARIAT OF AGRARIAN REFORM.

2. LIC. AUGUSTO GOMEZ VILLANUEVA, WHO WAS CHIEF OF THE OLD DAAC WAS SIMULTANEOUSLY RAISED TO THE CABINET RANK OF SECRETARY OF AGRARIAN REFORM.

3. CORRECTIONS FOR PUBLISHED JANUARY 1971 BIO ON GOMEZ. GOMEZ WAS BORN ON JULY 23, 1930. GOMEZ WAS CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR OLIVARES SANTANA IN HIS SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR OF AGUASCALIENTES (TERM 1962-68). HE SERVED AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO GOV. OLIVARES SANTANA FROM 1962-64 (DATES CONFIRMED). EMBOFF HAS NOTED A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN ALL PUBLISHED USG BIO DATA AND RAW DATA ON FILE IN EMBASSY. PUBLISHED DATA GIVES GOMEZ'S PROFESSION AS LAWYER. RAW DATA (I.E. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS) SAY HIS DEGREE IS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE. GOMEZ HAS PERIODICALLY TAUGHT AT UNAM, ALWAYS IN THE POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT.

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4. ADDITIONAL BIO INFORMATION: IN 1965 WHILE A MEMBER

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OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES (1964-67) GOMEZ RESPONDED TO THEN PRES. DIAZ ORDAZ'S FIRST "INFORME." FROM AUGUST 1968 UNTIL DECEMBER 1970 HE WAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL PEASANTS CONFEDERATION (CNC), THE RURAL ARM OF THE RULING INSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (PRI). GOMEZ, AS SPOKESMAN FOR ALL THREE SECTORS OF THE PRI ANNOUNCED ECHEVERRIA'S CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENCY IN 1970. HE WAS ACTIVE IN ECHEVERRIA'S CAMPAIGN.
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